Chinese collaboration in Petro-chemical Industry

1507. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has expressed its willingness to have mutual cooperation, trade and joint ventures in the petro-chemical industry;

(b) if so; what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a Chinese delegation visited India recently and held detailed discussions in this regard; and

(d) if so; what are the details of the discussions so held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed recently by Siropec of China and Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited, which provides for cooperation in areas of technology transfer, research and development, training and trade, etc. in the field of petrochemicals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of wind farms in the country

1508. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many wind farms have been set up in the country to generate power;

(b) what is the location of each wind farm; the number of wind mills in each farm and also the quantum of power generated in each firm;

(c) what is the approximate cost of setting wind farms; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up some more wind farms to generate power, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Under the wind farm demonstration programme of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources 8 wind farm projects of total capacity 7.40 MW have been established in the country. Location, number of wind electric generators and total capacity of each of the wind farms, are as follows:

Sl. No.	Location	No. of systems and capacity	Installed capacity (MW)
1.	Mandvi, Gujarat	2×10 KW 14×55 KW 3×22 KW 1×18.5 KW	1.10
2.	Okha, Gujarat	10×55 KW	0.55
3.	Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu	20×55 KW	1.10
4.	Kayathar, Tamil Nadu	15×90 KW	1.35
5.	Puri, Orissa	20×55 KW	1.10
6.	Deogarh, Maharashtra	20×55 KW	1.10
7.	Talacauvery, Karnataka	5×110 KW	0.55
8.	Tirumala Hills, Andhra Pradesh	5×110 KW	0.55

(c) The cost of setting up a wind farm is between Rs. 1.5—2.0 crores per MW; depending upon the site; size of machines and capacity of the project.

(d) Additional 8 wind farm projects of aggregate capacity 26.80 MW are under installation in Andhra Pradesh; Gujarat; Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The programme will be expanded significantly in the Eighth Plan depending upon the financial allocations made available.

BICP recommendations for betamethasone prices

1509. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1623 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the differences between the prices recommended by BICP and the committee set up to review the prices;

(b) what was the price of Betamethasone and its salts recommended by BICP;

(c) when were these prices recommended and when his Ministry received these recommendations;

(d) what action was taken on these recommendations;

(e) what was the period for which these prices were valid;

(f) when were these prices implemented by his Ministry;

(g) whether his Ministry announced the prices of formulations based on these drugs;

(h) if so, when and what were the prices fixed;

(i) when were these prices implemented by the company;

(j) whether his Ministry further increased the prices of these drugs and its formulations; and

(k) if so, what were the prices recommended by BICP and what are the present prices fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (f) The prices recommended by the BICP in respect of Betamethasone and its salts received by the Government in November, 1984 were not accepted because the matter was *sub-judice* at that time. No recommendation from BICP has been received for revision of price under DPCO, 1987.

(g) The prices of formulations based on Betamethasone bulk drug have not been fixed under the provisions of DPCO, 1979.

(h) and (i) Do not arise.

(j) and (k) The following prices of bulk drugs have been notified under DPCO, 1987 on 2nd January, 1989 based on the recommendation of the Price Review Committee:

Sl. No.	Name of Drugs	Rs./Gm.
1.	Betamethasone Alchohol .	144.19
2.	Betamethasone 17-Valerate	136.58
3.	Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate	144.58

The details of formulation prices fixed/notified under DPCO, 1987 as per the recommendation of the Price Review Committee are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 97]

Flairing of Gas

1510. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 696 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July,